U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED STATES TRAVEL AND TOURISM ADVISORY BOARD

MEMBERSHIP AND DESIGNATION is revised to read:

10. Membership and Designation. The U.S. Travel and Tourism Advisory Board (Board) shall consist of no more than thirty-two members appointed by the Secretary of Commerce. Members shall represent companies and organizations in the travel and tourism sector from a broad range of products and services, company sizes, and geographic locations and shall be drawn from large, medium, and small travel and tourism companies, private-sector organizations involved in the export of travel and tourism-related products and services, and other tourism-related entities.

Members of the Board will be selected, in accordance with applicable Department of Commerce guidelines, based on their ability to carry out the objectives of the Board as set forth above and in a manner that ensures that the Board is balanced in terms of points of view, industry subsector, demographics, geography, and company size.

Members serve in a representative capacity, representing the views and interests of their particular business sector, and not as Special Government employees.

The Secretaries of Homeland Security, the Interior, State and Transportation (or their designees) will serve on the Board as *ex officio*, non-voting members. Other than these ex officio members, the Board members shall not be full-time Federal officers or employees.

Each member shall serve for two years from the date of the appointment, at the pleasure of the Secretary. The Secretary of Commerce may at his/her discretion reappoint any member to an additional term or terms, provided that the member proves to work effectively on the Board and his/her knowledge and advice is still needed.

The Secretary shall designate a Chair and Vice Chair from among the members.

Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Secretary for Administration 12,20.2011

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